

IN THE CLAIMS

7. (twice amended) A panel according to claim [1]8, wherein said first distance has a value of 1 inch or less and said second distance has a value of 1 inch or less.

8. (thrice amended) A [relatively] thin frame covering panel adapted to be attached to a number of supports, said panel having at least two sides in which at least one of said sides includes a number of marks for facilitating the attaching of said panel to said number of supports, wherein said number of marks are arranged in first and second sets of substantially parallel lines in which the lines of the first set have a first distance of 2 inches or less therebetween and run in a first direction and are placed from a first end of said panel to a first opposite end thereof in a direction transverse to the extent of said lines of said first set and in which the lines of the second set have a second distance of 2 inches or less therebetween which is different from said first distance and run in a second direction perpendicular to said first direction and are placed from a second end of said panel to a second opposite end thereof in a direction transverse to the extent of said lines of said second set, wherein the first and second sets of substantially parallel lines pertaining to said number of marks are the only lines on said panel.

18. (thrice amended) A [relatively] thin frame covering panel adapted to be attached to a number of supports, said panel including a side having a number of marks arranged in first and second sets of substantially parallel lines in which one or more of said lines is adapted for facilitating the attaching of said panel to said number of supports, in which the lines of the first set have a first distance of 2 inches or less

therebetween and run in a first direction and are placed from a first end of said panel to a first opposite end thereof in a second direction perpendicular to said first direction and in which the lines of the second set have [said] a second distance of 2 inches or less therebetween which is different from said first distance and run in said second direction and are placed from a second end of said panel to a second opposite end thereof in said first direction, wherein the first and second sets of substantially parallel lines pertaining to said number of marks are the only lines on said panel.

19. (amended) A panel according to claim 18, wherein said first distance has a value of 1 inch or less and said second distance has a value of 1 inch or less.

20. (thrice amended) In a method for fabricating a [relatively] thin frame covering panel adapted to be attached to a number of supports, the improvement comprising the step of fabricating said panel to include a side having a number of marks arranged in first and second sets of substantially parallel lines in which one or more of said lines is adapted for facilitating the attaching of said panel to said number of supports, in which the lines of the first set have a first distance of 2 inches or less therebetween and run in a first direction and are placed from a first end of said panel to a first opposite end thereof in a second direction perpendicular to said first direction and in which the lines of the second set have [said] a second distance of 2 inches or less therebetween which is different from said first distance and run in said second direction and are placed from a second end of said panel to a second opposite end thereof in said first direction, wherein the first and second sets of substantially parallel

lines pertaining to said number of marks are the only lines on said panel.

21. (amended) A method according to claim 20, wherein said first distance has a value of 1 inch or less and said second distance has a value of 1 inch or less.

23. (new) A thin frame covering panel adapted to be attached to a number of supports, said panel having at least two sides in which at least one of said sides includes a number of marks for facilitating the attaching of said panel to said number of supports, wherein said number of marks are arranged in substantially parallel lines having a distance which has any value up to 2 inches therebetween and in which said lines are placed from one end of said panel to an opposite end thereof in a direction transverse to the extent of said lines, wherein the substantially parallel lines pertaining to said number of marks are the only lines on said panel in the same direction as said parallel lines.

24. (new) A thin frame covering panel adapted to be attached to a number of supports, said panel having at least two sides in which at least one of said sides includes a number of marks for facilitating the attaching of said panel to said number of supports, wherein said number of marks are arranged in first and second sets of substantially parallel lines in which the lines of the first set have a distance of any value up to 2 inches therebetween and run in a first direction and are placed from a first end of said panel to a first opposite end thereof in a direction transverse to the extent of said lines of said first set and in which the lines of the second set have a distance of any value up to 2 inches therebetween and run in a second direction perpendicular to said first direction and are placed from a second end of said panel to a second opposite end

thereof in a direction transverse to the extent of said lines of said second set, wherein the first and second sets of substantially parallel lines pertaining to said number of marks are the only lines on said panel.

25. (new) A thin frame covering panel adapted to be attached to a number of supports, said panel including a side having a number of marks arranged in a plurality of substantially parallel lines in which one or more of said lines being adapted for facilitating the attaching of said panel to said number of supports, wherein said lines have a distance which has any value up to 2 inches therebetween and in which said lines are placed from one end of said panel to an opposite end thereof in a direction transverse to the extent of said lines, wherein the substantially parallel lines pertaining to said number of marks are the only lines on said panel in the same direction as said parallel lines.

26. (new) In a method for fabricating a thin frame covering panel adapted to be attached to a number of supports, the improvement comprising the step of fabricating said panel to include a side having a number of marks arranged in a plurality of substantially parallel lines in which one or more of said lines is adapted for facilitating the attaching of said panel to said number of supports and in which said lines have a distance which has any value up to 2 inches therebetween and in which said lines are placed from one end of said panel to an opposite end thereof in a direction transverse to the extent of said lines, wherein the substantially parallel lines pertaining to said number of marks are the only lines on said panel in the same direction as said parallel lines.

27. (new) A thin frame covering panel adapted to be attached to a number of supports, said panel including a side

having a number of marks arranged in first and second sets of substantially parallel lines in which one or more of said lines is adapted for facilitating the attaching of said panel to said number of supports, in which the lines of the first set have a distance of any value up to 2 inches therebetween and run in a first direction and are placed from a first end of said panel to a first opposite end thereof in a second direction perpendicular to said first direction and in which the lines of the second set have said distance of any value up to 2 inches therebetween and run in said second direction and are placed from a second end of said panel to a second opposite end thereof in said first direction, wherein the first and second sets of substantially parallel lines pertaining to said number of marks are the only lines on said panel.

28. (new) In a method for fabricating a thin frame covering panel adapted to be attached to a number of supports, the improvement comprising the step of fabricating said panel to include a side having a number of marks arranged in first and second sets of substantially parallel lines in which one or more of said lines is adapted for facilitating the attaching of said panel to said number of supports, in which the lines of the first set have a distance which has any value up to 2 inches therebetween and run in a first direction and are placed from a first end of said panel to a first opposite end thereof in a second direction perpendicular to said first direction and in which the lines of the second set have said distance which has any value up to 2 inches therebetween and run in said second direction and are placed from a second end of said panel to a second opposite end thereof in said first direction, wherein the first and second sets of substantially parallel lines pertaining to said number of marks are the only lines on said panel.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1, 9, 15-17, and 22 have been canceled.

Claims 2-8, 10-14, 18-21, and 23-28 are currently pending as of today in the present application.

SUPPORT FOR CLAIM CHANGES

Changes to claims 7, 19, and 21 involve "first distance has a value of 1 inch or less and said second distance has a value of 1 inch or less" which are believed to be supported by the present application. With regard thereto, reference is made to lines 58-65 of column 3 of the original patent. Claim 7 also includes changes the dependency to claim 8 from claim 1 which was canceled.

Changes to claims 8, 18, 20, and 23-28 involve deleting the word "relatively" in response to a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph set forth in an Office Action dated February 23, 2007. Changes to claims 8, 18, and 20 also involve "have a first distance of 2 inches or less . . . a second distance of 2 inches or less therebetween which is different from said first distance." With regard thereto, reference is made to lines 66-67 of column 3 of the original patent. Changes to claims 8, 18, and 20 also involve "wherein the first and second sets of substantially parallel lines pertaining to said number of marks are the only lines on said panel." With regard thereto, reference is made to Figs. 2C and 2F of the original patent.